

Application No. 10/636,178

REMARKS

Claims 29-66 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-28 are canceled and new claims 29-66 are added.

35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

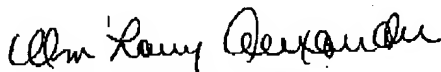
Applicants acknowledge the obligation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the Examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. § 102(e, f, or g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

The Office Action rejected claims 1-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. 5,704,834 to Sells, in view of U.S. 6,308,472 to Coulton et al. The Office action also rejected claims 1-28 over U.S. 6,308,472 in view of U.S. 5,704,834. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. However, in order to advance the prosecution of this Application, claims 1-28 are canceled and the rejections are deemed moot. Applicants submit that all pending claims are allowable over the cited U.S. patents.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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